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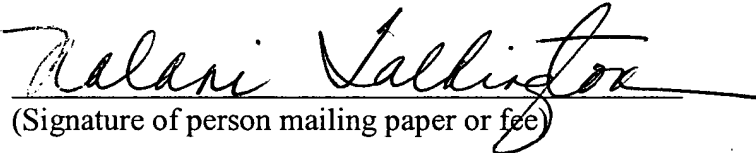
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This response is a response to a restriction requirement mailed November 19, 2003 in the above-identified application. Applicant elects, without prejudice, the invention that the Examiner has designated as Species 1 of Group I (Claims 1-10) drawn to a vacuum apparatus for removing water from a fire safety system.

In addition, new claims 31-45 have been added to the application. Each of claims 31-34 are method claims drawn to incorporate the apparatus of claim 1. Claims 35-45 are apparatus claims drawn to an apparatus for repairing a fire safety system. Each added claim finds support in the originally filed specification and does not contain new matter.

STATUS AND SUMMARY

Claims 1-30 were originally filed.

Claims 11-30 are withdrawn without prejudice.

Claims 31-45 have been added.

Claims 1-10 and 31-45 remain pending in this case.